

# Creating Possibilities for People with Disabilities since 1995



**CHALLENGE ASPEN**

**All disabilities. All ages. All seasons.**

# 26 years of donations and support have contributed to:



Over 16,000 participants served amounting to over 50,000 participant days

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Over \$2.7 million awarded in scholarships

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75+ active volunteers

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100% of CAMO participants attend week-long retreats free of charge



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## Letter from the CEO

In 26 years, Challenge Aspen has gifted more than \$2.7 million in scholarships and provided adaptive therapeutic outdoor experiences to over 16,000 individuals living with physical, cognitive, and/or service-related disabilities.

It is truly inspiring to deliver on this mission through the most challenging times to those who need it the most, ensuring that our disability community in the Roaring Fork Valley and across the country remains united and engaged. The spirit of the Challenge Aspen team and participants continues to show great resilience and commitment to discovering the possibilities for individuals with disabilities.

This tremendous accomplishment is made possible by YOU and our Challenge Aspen family. Your generosity is truly contagious, and this year your gift will be matched up to \$100,000 thanks to an anonymous Challenge Aspen advocate. Please join us in reaching our goal to support human healing and participation for people of any age and with any disability.

**Giving is easy at [challengeaspen.org/donate](https://challengeaspen.org/donate) or by using the enclosed envelope and commitment form. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.**

With gratitude,



Lindsay Cagley | CEO



“Words cannot express the gratitude I have for my experience with you all this winter. The inclusivity on and off the mountain was like nothing I had experienced before, and to put it lightly... it far surpassed anything I could have dreamed of! It has been two months since my trip, yet I still am left radiating in happiness and unable to stop talking about my time in Aspen Snowmass. I often close my eyes and go right back to the exhilarating empowerment that being on the mountain brought. My appreciation is deeper than I can convey or contain for that matter. Admittedly it wasn't just on the slopes that I shed tears of gratefulness, but here in NYC 2,000+ miles away as well. Wholeheartedly, I am forever grateful for the experience you all at Challenge Aspen were able to give to a stranger like me!”

—JESSICA COHEN, REC PARTICIPANT



**CAMO**  
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MILITARY OPPORTUNITIES

CAMO provides adaptive recreation and wellness experiences for military personnel with service-related disabilities. CAMO offers participants the opportunity to reconnect with outdoor recreation activities that can positively affect their engagement in civilian life. Programs are open to active duty, veterans, and spouses/partners.



**REC**  
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RECREATIONAL,  
EDUCATIONAL,  
CULTURAL PROGRAMS

REC offers individuals and groups with physical and/or cognitive disabilities diverse opportunities to experience all that the Roaring Fork Valley has to offer. The wide array of REC activities are designed to boost confidence and self-esteem while broadening horizons for all ages. Additionally, Challenge Aspen Custom Adventures offer customized vacation packages and daily adventures for any individual with a disability or family with an ability challenged member.

## How your donation creates possibilities for people with disabilities

Your generosity fosters programs designed to help participants discover the power of their own abilities. Your gift supports scholarships for those with financial need, purchasing of adaptive equipment to ensure inclusivity for all, activity instruction provided by specialists trained in adaptive sports, and healing retreats for injured veterans and their families.

### **MATCHING GIFT**

**A long-time Challenge Aspen donor will match the first \$100,000 raised through this appeal!**



## **\$160 provides**

- A race guide for a person with visual impairment to train for Special Olympics
- A ski partner for a person with Alzheimer's who can no longer safely ski independently

## **\$300 provides**

- A community dinner for veterans with disabilities
- A pair of outriggers that help a bi-skier in a sit-ski to ski independently
- An equine therapy session for a child with Cerebral Palsy

## **\$535 provides**

- A full day of skiing or riding with a professional adaptive instructor with lift tickets and ski equipment included
- 2 days of outdoor adaptive summer adventures for a child with Down Syndrome

## **\$1,800 enables**

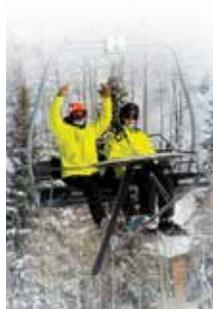
- An injured veteran to attend a 6-day healing retreat
- An athlete to attend a regional Special Olympics competition
- Purchasing specialized adaptive snowboard equipment

## **\$3,500 provides**

- Scholarship awards to 7 individuals who otherwise would not have the opportunity to ski or snowboard

## **\$10,000 enables**

- 10 veterans to attend a week-long retreat with airfare, meals, lodging, therapy, and activities
- Purchase of a recumbent tandem e-trike to allow participants with extremely limited mobility to safely ride a bike





“ I was invited to a CAMO retreat just a few months after having my leg amputated below the knee. I had just spent the previous 5 years undergoing limb salvage surgeries to try and save my leg. With all the time I have spent not being able to do simple everyday tasks and the constant pain I have to deal with, I really couldn't wrap my head around going on a ski trip. I thought it was going to be a difficult and painful process to ski with my disability, however I was pleasantly surprised. I had such a good time I even forgot that I had a disability a few times while riding a ski-bike. It was a huge mental relief to just go out and adapt to have a good time. It helped recharge me mentally, gave me a taste of accomplishment I had completely forgotten. There is a big difference between thinking you might be able to do something again one day and actually doing it. Thank you for helping me find a piece of myself again and giving me the mental push I needed to get back into the life I thought I'd lost. ”

—LANDON SIAS, CAMO PARTICIPANT



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